

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

**SMITH, RICHARD A.**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant withdraws his Notice of Appeal without prejudice or disclaimer and submits this amendment under 37 CFR §1.114 in connection with a request for continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

In reply to the final Office Action mailed July 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Without prejudice or disclaimer, please replace the claims in the application with the attached substitute claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LAWRENCE HARBIN".

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